GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6032
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UTILISATION OF GRANTS
PRABHUNATH SINGH

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether supplementary demands are required to be severely restricted to genuine unforeseen expenditure which could not be anticipated at the time of preparation of Budget Estimates

(b) whether the obtaining of supplementary funds was resorted to by the Railways without proper assessment of the expenditure incurred or likely to be incurred by them against the funds already obtained:

(c) whether the net result was that the supplementary provisions under various grants amounting to crores of rupees remained wholly unutilised;

(d) if so, the details of all such grants that were sought in supplementary grants remained unutilised during the last year; and

(e) the action taken by the Government against the officials for such a situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAIL WAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) Yes. Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) & (d) Supplementary- provisions have been obtained based upon the assessed needs on account of increase in price of fuel, higher pensionary liabilities and also for taking up new works constituting New Services or New Instrument of Services requiring Parliament`s approval. The information concerning their utilisation for last year will be available after finalisation of accounts for the year 1999-2000. `Appropriation Accounts of the Railways` for 1999-2000, which will be presented to Parliament in due course thereafter, will bring out detailed comparison of actual expenditure vis-a-vis the original and supplementary provisions by sub-heads of grants, as modified by permissible reappropriations, duly verified by the C&AG.

(e) Does not arise.